provisions have withstood reasonably well the test of time. It is felt that the Centre-State relations are evolutionary in nature and provisions of the Constitution governing them have to be under constant review. The Constitution has been amended number of times to adjust its working to the changing situations.

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Amla Cultivation

1400. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have been assisting the States for increasing Amla cultivation;

(b) if so, the States where best varieties of amla are grown;

(c) whether there is a great demand for Amla in the international market in view of its rich nutritional and medicinal value; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to increase area under amla cultivation

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) There is no Central assistance for the cultivation of Amla. Under All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Arid Zone fruits being implemented by ICAR two improved varieties of Amla have been released, which are superior in yield and quality to existing cultivation.

(b) Amla is grown extensively throughout the country. However, commercial cultivation of Amla is most popular in Uttar Pradesh. The best commercial varieties are Banarasi, Chakaya & Hathijool. The two improved varieties are Krishna and Kanchan.

(c) and (d). Information on the international demand for Amla has not been assessed seperately.

International Co-operation for Economic Development

1401. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minster of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present level of South-South Co-operation as a proportion of the South-North Co[illegible]eration;

(b) whether any modalities have been identified by G-15 countries for placing the area of international co-operation for economic development at th core of the agenda for multilateral co-operation;

(c) if so, the salient features thereof;

(d) whether these modalities have been placed before the developed countries and the international community;

(e) if so, the results achieved so far; and

(f) the role played by India in identifying these modalities and in multilateral negotiations on the subject?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The existing level of South-South Co-operation is far below its real potential. Government believes that such co-operation is important for the purpose of accelerating the development of developing countries, harnessing the complementarities in their economies, attaining collective self-reliance and building their counter-veiling power in their negotiations with developed countries. The

G-15 initiative is precisely an effort in this direction.

(b) and (c). At the moment, the G-15 member countries are engaged in preparing a position paper on the 'New World Order', to be submitted to the next Summit Meeting of the Group in Dakar, Senegal before the end of 1992, as decided during the course of the Caracas Summit on 28th November, 1991. This paper will delineate the developing countries' perspectives on the elements that could constitute the 'New World Order', including the specific modalities for achieving these objectives.

(d) to (f). India has utilized every opportunity, both in multilateral fora and through bilateral contacts, including at the highest level, in an effort to engage the developed countries in a constructive and meaningful dialogue to further international co-operation for economic development. This was done at the recently held Summit-level meeting of the Security Council at New York, the World Economic Forum Meeting at Davos, Switzerland and UNCTAD-VIII at Cartagena-des-Indes, Colombia.

Construction of Jails in Delhi

1402. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the only jail in Delhi has become inadequate keeping in view the increase in the number of criminals;

(b) if so, the steps taken for construction of more jails in Delhi;

(c) whether the Supreme Court had held that cases of under-trials are to be finalised in a specific period of time after which they will be set free;

(d) if so, the number of under-trials languishing in the jails and the reasons for not finalising their cases expeditiously; and

(e) the number of under-trials of Tihar jail who escaped from the jail vans during the last six months and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To augment jail capacity, 3 more barracks which will accommodate 300 inmates, are being added to existing jail No. 3 in the Tihar Jail Complex. The Delhi Administration has approved a proposal to construct two new Jails which would accommodate 700 prisoners each in Tihar Jail Complex. Th contract has already been awarded by the PWD for the construction of these two jails. Land measuring 78.62 acres has been acquired for construction f a jail at Mandoli near Yamuna.

(c) and (d). The Delhi Administration has reported that there are no directions of the Supreme Court for holding time bound trial in criminal cases.

(e) No under-trial/prisoner has escaped from the Jail vans during the last six months.

Book Bank Scheme for SC/ST Students in Andhra Pradesh

1403. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students benefited so far under the Book Bank Scheme for Sched-